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Letter dated 14 February 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, I have the honour to submit a note setting out the action to be taken by the Committee to take forward the matters contained in the ministerial declaration adopted by the Security Council in its resolution 1456 (2003) of 20 January 2003 (see annex).

I should be grateful if could arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Council.

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resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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Annex

Follow-up of the Counter-Terrorism Committee to resolution 1456 (2003) of the Security Council

On 20 January 2003, the Security Council, meeting at the level of foreign ministers, adopted by resolution 1456 (2003) a declaration on the issue of combating terrorism. The declaration called for the Committee to take action on a number of points. A list of those points and the action that the Committee proposes to take is set out below:

1. **Take action with the States who have not submitted or are late in submitting a report, and keep the Council informed (para. 4 (i))**

   - The Committee fulfilled its intention to write to all such States by 8 February 2003 requesting them to submit a report.
   - By 28 February 2003, the subcommittees will have held meetings with all States who have not submitted a report.
   - By 4 April 2003, the Committee will write to the Security Council reporting on the state of play.

2. **Inform the Council of progress in States' responses to the Committee's requests for information, comments and questions, including informing the Council of any difficulties that the Committee encounters (para. 4 (ii))**

   - The Committee will report at three-month intervals on progress in monitoring States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), including through their responses to its requests for information, comments and questions.
   - In its discussion of each State's implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), the Committee will consider whether its requests for information, comments and questions have been answered, and will report any concerns to the Security Council

3. **Bear in mind all international best practices, codes and standards which are relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) (para. 4 (iii))**

   - The Committee's experts will bear in mind this instruction when preparing outgoing letters, and the subcommittees will monitor its application in their review of outgoing letters.
   - The Committee will include in outgoing letters an invitation to States to inform the Committee of the details of any efforts to implement international best practice, codes and standards which are relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

4. **Step up efforts to facilitate the provision of assistance by developing targets and priorities for global action (para. 5)**

   - The Committee's experts and subcommittees, in consultation with each State, will develop a "matrix" to include prioritized information on the assistance needs of the State concerned.

- The matrix will be shared with Governments and, as appropriate, international, regional, subregional and other organizations, on a monthly basis, enabling potential assistance providers to make decisions about focusing their assistance activity on the areas of greatest need.
- The Committee will, by the end of April 2003, include in the matrix an updated and agreed entry for every State which is likely to need assistance in a priority area of resolution 1373 (2001).

5. **Work with other international organizations to evaluate ways to enhance the effectiveness of action against terrorism, including through dialogue and exchange of information (para. 7)**

- The Committee's experts will visit international organizations whose work is relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) to discuss further cooperation and information exchange on matters relating to counter-terrorism.
- The Committee will maintain and update a list of contact points in international organizations to facilitate information-sharing and cooperation on matters relating to counter-terrorism.
- The Committee will explore the possibilities of further such cooperation with international organizations, inter alia, at the special meeting to be held on 7 March 2003.

6. **Engage in a dialogue with technical agencies and organizations whose activities relate to the control of the use of or access to nuclear, chemical, biological and other deadly materials on enhancing the effectiveness of counter-terrorism activities (para. 7)**

- Write to the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to invite them to brief the Committee on activities related to counter-terrorism.
- At that briefing, explore the scope for developing new standards for controls on the use of or access to nuclear, chemical, biological and other deadly materials.

7. **Work with regional and subregional organizations, and other international organizations, to facilitate sharing of best practice and to assist their members in fulfilling their obligation to combat terrorism**

- The Committee will maintain and update a list of contact points in regional and subregional organizations to facilitate information-sharing and cooperation on matters relating to counter-terrorism.
- The Committee will explore with regional organizations ways in which it can assist them in developing initiatives to further practical cooperation among their members, including through maintaining on its web site information on examples of practical cooperation which have been successful.
- The Committee will explore the possibilities of further such cooperation with international organizations, inter alia, at the special meeting to be held on 7 March 2003.

8. Use the special meeting to be held on 7 March 2003 to make urgent progress on the above

- The Committee will take the directives in the ministerial declaration fully into account in preparing for its special meeting with international, regional and subregional organizations.